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SENATOR MARSH: Did I understand you to say that if we do not want a new state office building or was that a misunderstanding on my part?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I can -

SENATOR MARSH: First I heard you speaking about this building and then I understood some sentence regarding the new state office building and I would like some clarification please.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes I will be glad to, the first intent was to confine it to the twelve offices, and I guess I said the office building, but being frank about it, it is my opinion and it's only an opinion, that if you are going to build a new office building, you have to reconstruct and have another building commission anyway. It would serve both purposes, but that's not a part of the motion this morning although if you authorize it, it would automatically take care of both of these suggestions. I have never contacted the building commission or the Governor as to his present opinion on the building of a new office building, it would be my opinion that he'd not be for it, and he would not permit it if he could help it, the building commission from authorizing as he did the last time, as is his right.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Barnett, and then Senator Keyes.

SENATOR BARNETT: I wonder if Senator Carpenter would yield to a question?

SPEAKER: Would you yield to another question Senator?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Carpenter as I understand the motion will it be brought back to the body after the commission or whoever studies it for adoption as to whether these second floor will be made into offices?

SENATOR CARPENTER: The only purpose of this is of course to have the Executive Council bring about a bill, in whatever form they want to do it in, I might say that we have authorized Senator Gerdes only to contact the, to contract to determine what the cost might be in order to reconstruct these twelve rooms in order to make them offices. It is my understanding around \$4,000.00 an office.

SENATOR BARNETT: Now, is there been any other space looked at for Senators offices other than around those garden areas, I guess that's what you call them.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Not to my knowledge although the building commission I understood has indicated that some nooks and some places underground they might be willing to give to us.

SENATOR BARNETT: We've got that already on the fourth floor.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm trying to get you down to the ground floor, you won't jump out.

SENATOR BARNETT: We can't jump out of the fourth floor, we don't have any windows.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'll get you a window.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.